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Applicant : Stephen G. Bales
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (OA) of August 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows"

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing on page 4 of this paper. The claims were amended after the OA and interview comments were received.

Interview comments and Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a "marked up" Specification and Claims and a "clean sheet" Specification and Claims follows the remarks section.